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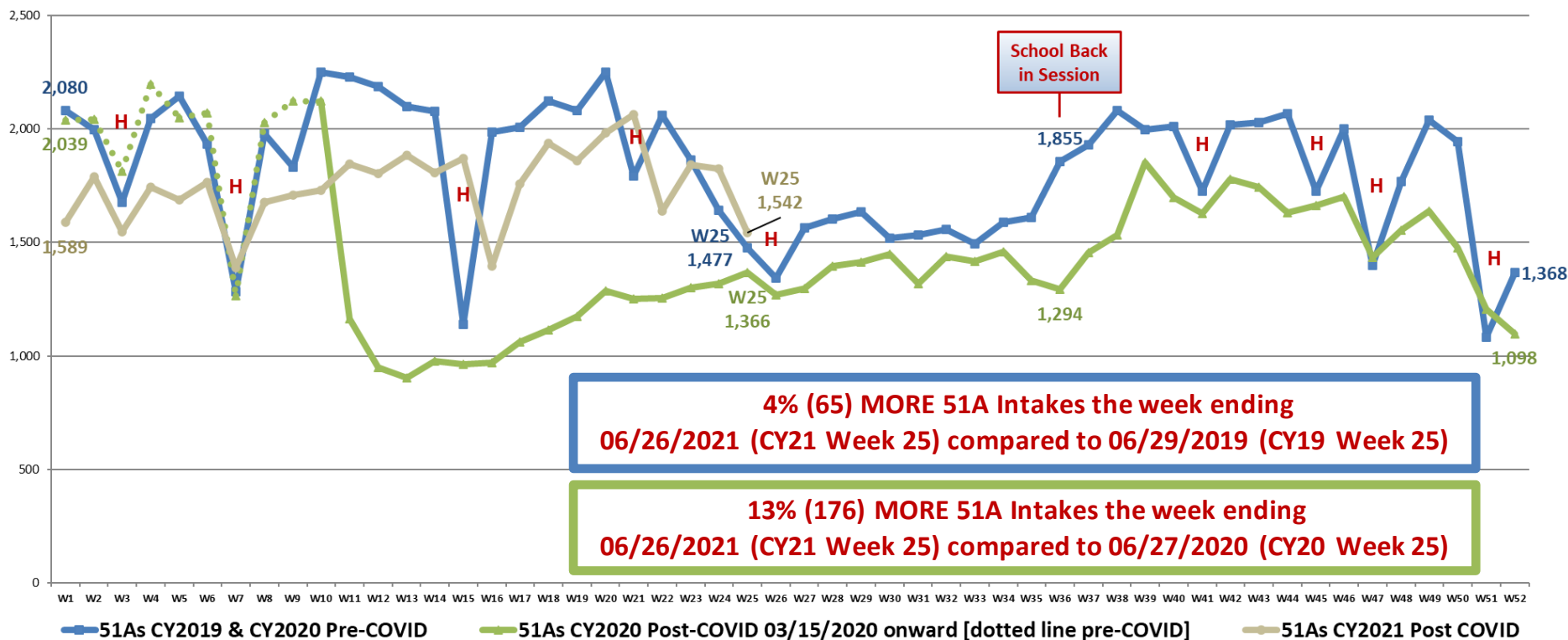


Department of Children and Families – Agency Update

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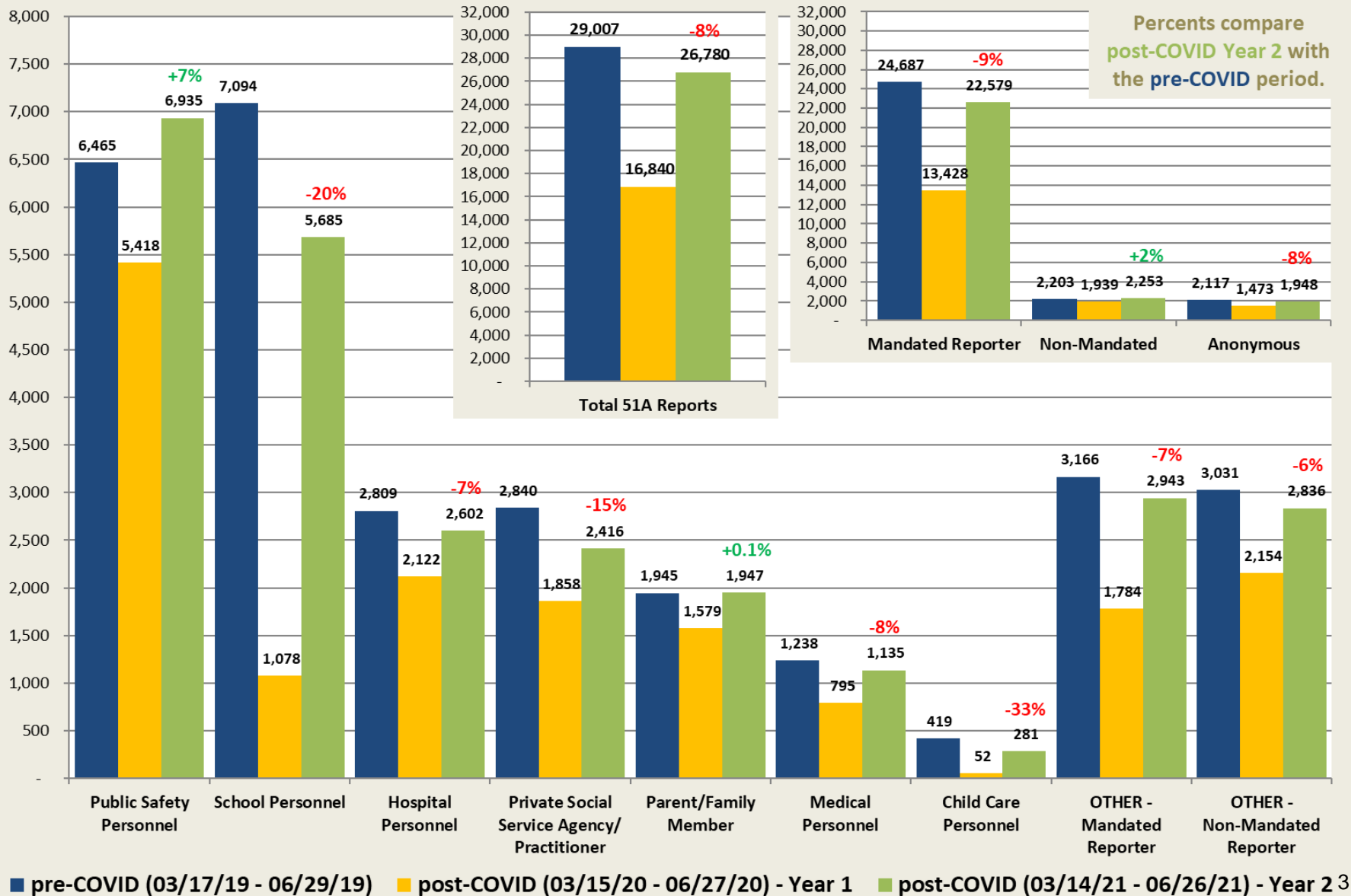
51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19 Comparing CY2019, CY2020, and CY2021



- While overall year-to-date 51A Intake counts post COVID-19 remain lower than corresponding report rates pre COVID-19, counts show signs of convergence in CY2021.



15-Week Comparison Period: 51As are within 8% of the pre-COVID period



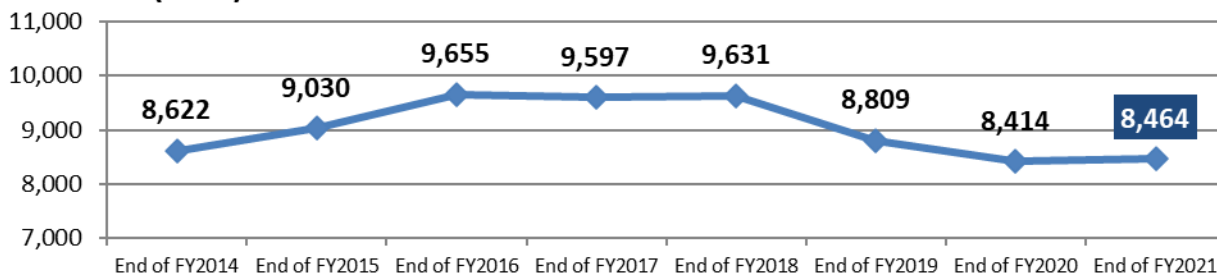


Children (0-17) in DCF Placement

All Placement Types



Children (0-17) in Placement



- The number of children in DCF placement at fiscal year-end decreased by 9% (-822) from FY18-19, and by 4% (-395) from FY19-20.
- As of 6/30/2021, the placement count is 0.6% (50) more than the count at the end of FY20.

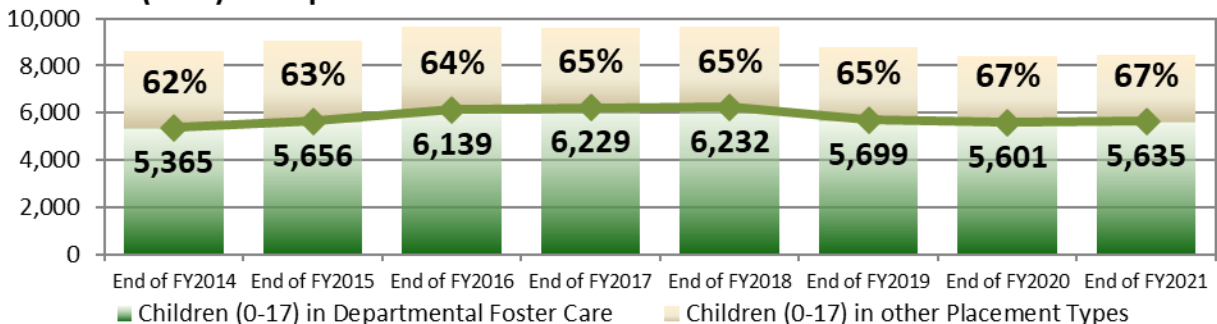


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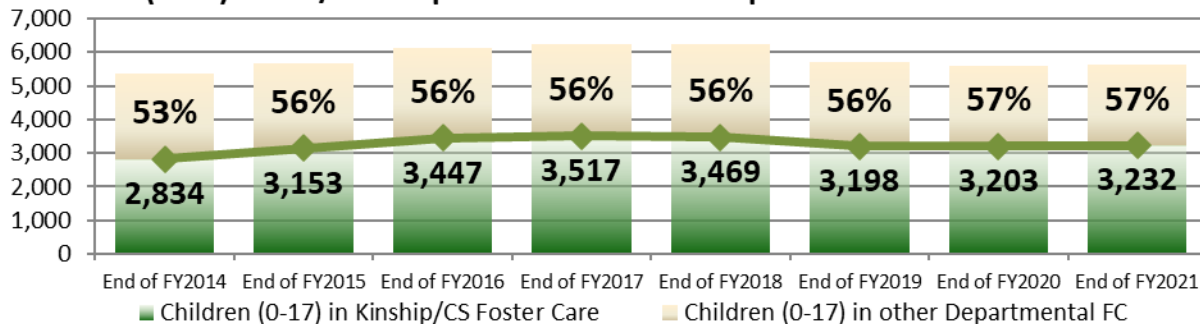
Departmental FC: Non-Kinship and Kin/Child Specific



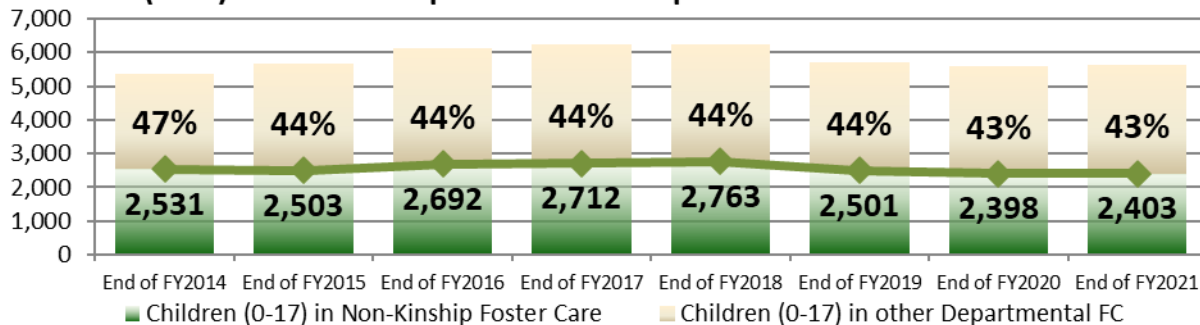
Children (0-17) in Departmental FC as a % of All Placements



Children (0-17) in Kin/Child Specific FC as a % of Departmental FC



Children (0-17) in Non-Kinship FC as a % of Departmental FC



- As of 6/30/2021, there were 5,635 children placed in a family setting (i.e., Departmental Foster Care).
- While the overall number of children in DCF placement has decreased, the proportion placed in Departmental Foster Care (DFC) has increased to 67%.
- As of 6/30/2021, there were 3,232 children placed in a Kinship/Child Specific Departmental FC family setting.
- Recognizing that children/youth experience fewer placement disruptions and achieve greater well-being when placed with kin, the Department has increased the proportion of children placed with kin to 57% of all Departmental FC.
- As of 6/30/2021, there were 2,403 children placed in a Non-Kinship Departmental FC family setting.
- As a proportion of children placed in Departmental FC, 43% are living in a non-kin family setting.

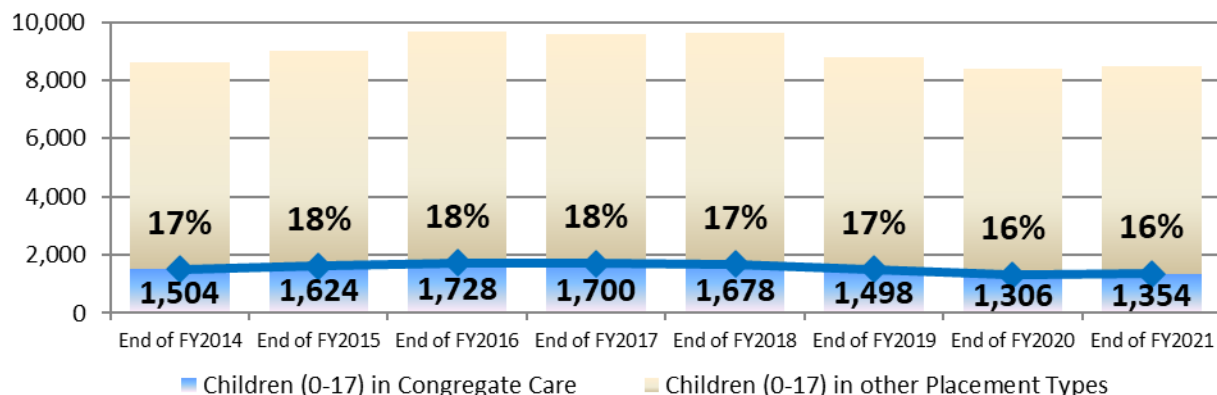


Children in DCF Placement

Congregate Care and Comprehensive Foster Care

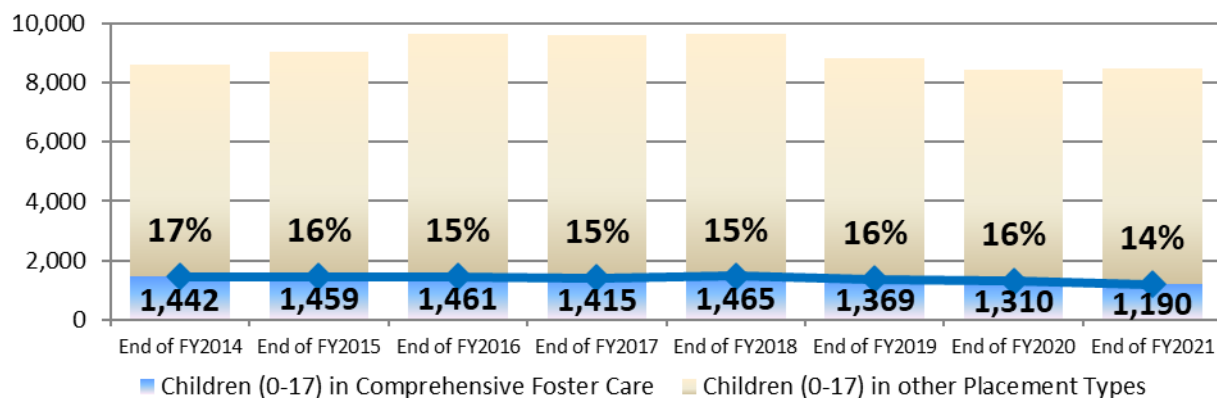


Children (0-17) in Congregate Care as a % of All Placements



- As of 6/30/2021, there were 1,354 children placed in Congregate Care.
- Congregate Care represents 16% of all placement utilization.

Children (0-17) in Comprehensive FC as a % of All Placements



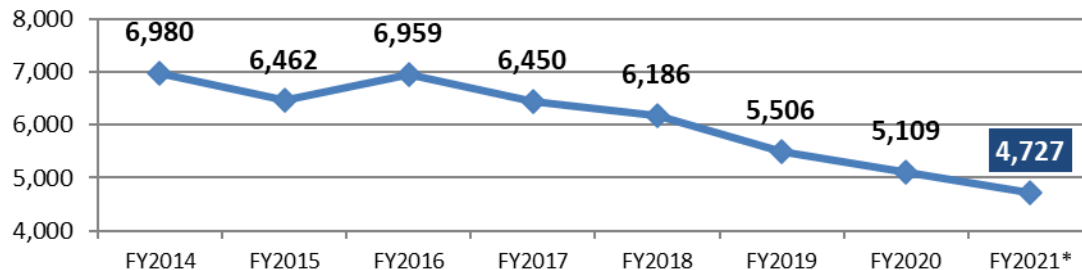
- As of 6/30/2021, there were 1,190 children placed in Comprehensive Foster Care.
- Comprehensive Foster Care now represents 14% of all placement utilization.

- *These contracted, intensive foster care services are generally provided for children/youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not suitable or sufficiently supportive.*



Home Removal Episodes

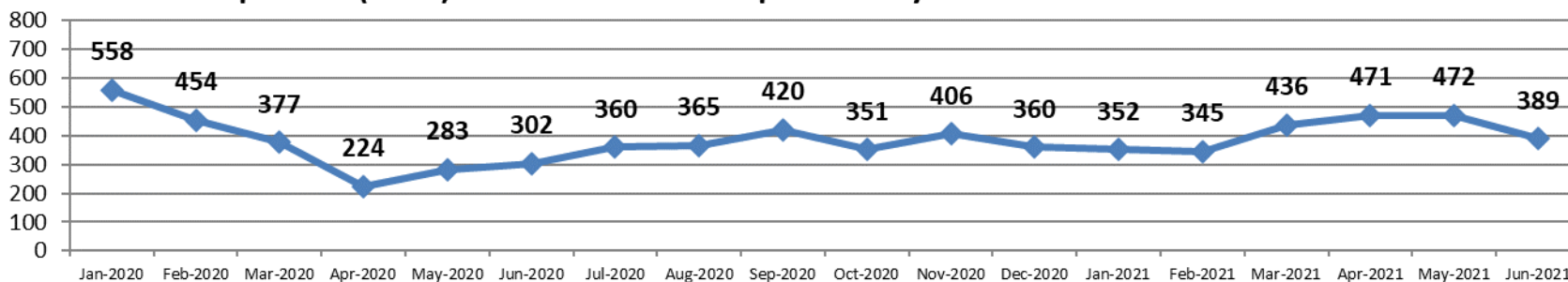
Home Removal Episodes (HREs)



• HRE counts for FY21 are preliminary.

- Home Removal Episodes (HREs) decreased by 27% (-1,871) between FY14 & FY20.
- The preliminary FY21 HRE count of 4,727 is a 7% (382) decrease over FY20.

Home Removal Episodes (HREs) CY2020 and CY2021-preliminary



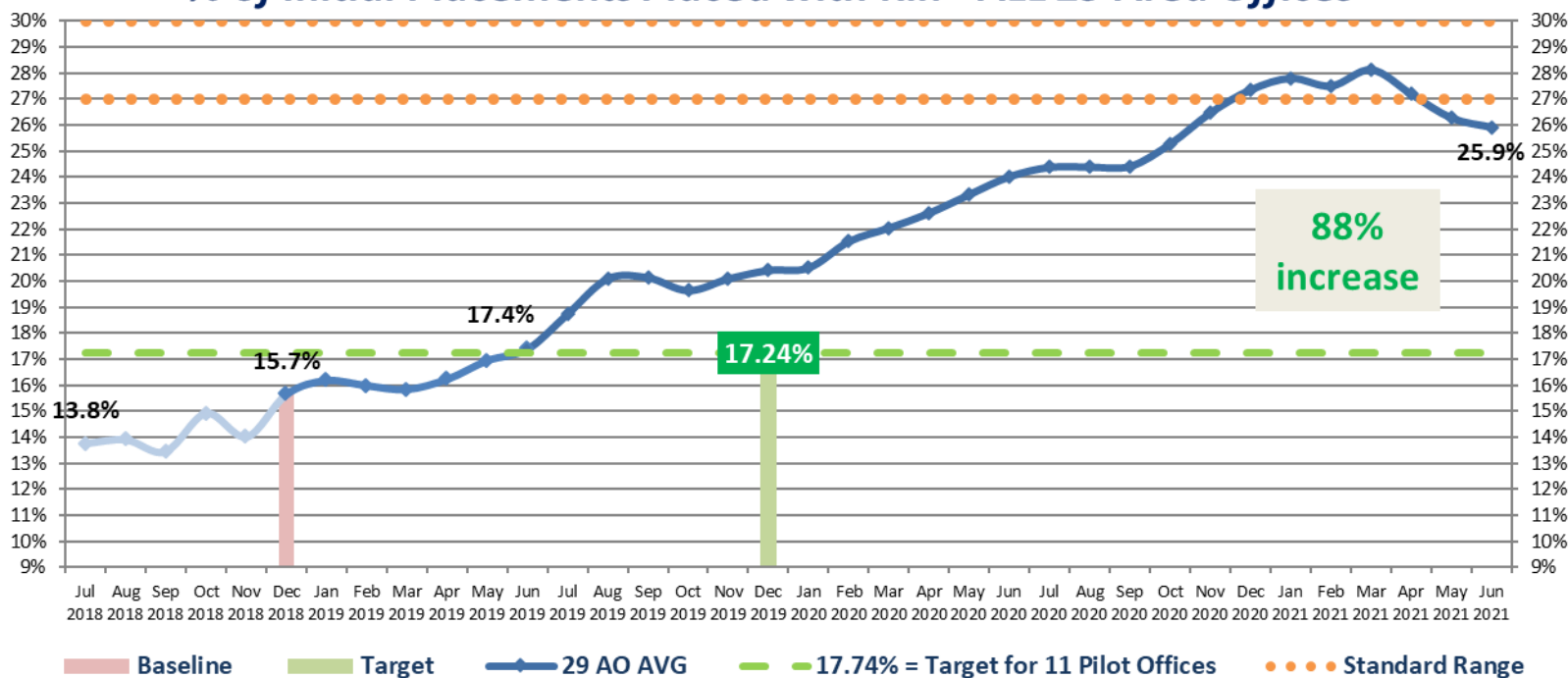
Note: Recent monthly counts are not final.



Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - ALL 29 Area Offices



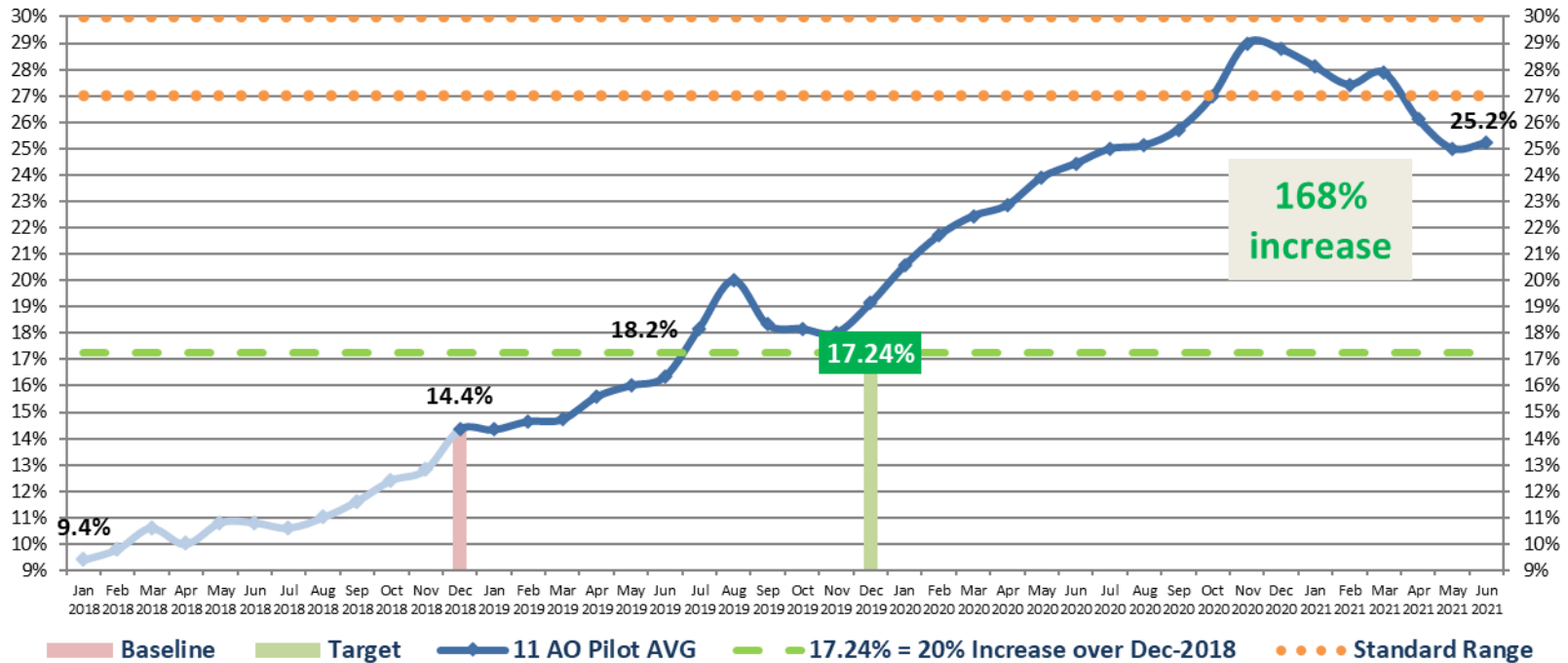
- Extending the Kin-First metric across all 29 area offices, an 88% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jul-2018 to Jun-2021.
- While no statewide target was established, at 25.9% the Jun-2021 statewide performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within 1.1% of the 27-30% standard range.
- Kin placements account for 40% of all out-of-home placements; and 58% of all Departmental Foster Care placements.



Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First Pilot



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - 11 Pilot Area Offices



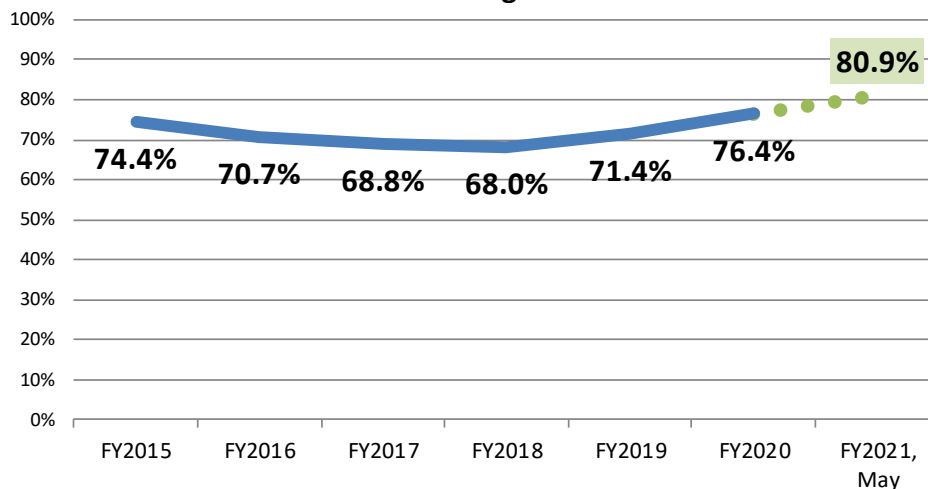
- A 168% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jan-2018 to Jun-2021.
- At 25.2%, the Jun-2021 performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within 1.8% of the 27-30% standard range.



Placement Stability

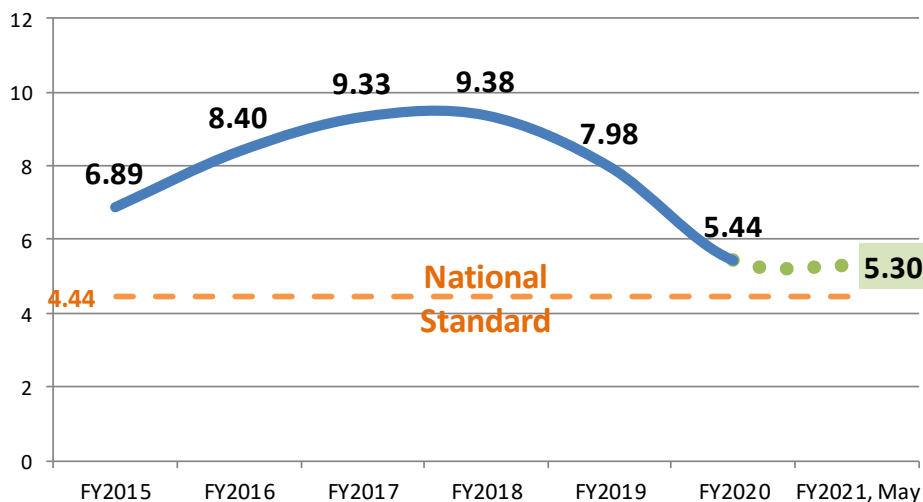


**Percent of Children (0-17) In Placement Less Than 12-Months
with Two or Fewer Placement Settings - CFSR-r2**



- Compared to FY2018 (68.0%), 19% more children experienced placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2021, May (80.9%).

Placement Moves per 1,000 Placement Days - CFSR-r3



- Placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2021, May (5.30) as measured by moves per 1,000 placement days improved by a significant 44% relative to FY2018 (9.38).



Case Closing Trend Pre vs Post COVID-19 Accounting for Seasonality



CASE CLOSING TREND Pre vs Post COVID-19 (15 week intervals)

